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1. IMF-PORTUGUESE NEGOTIATIONS: STATE RADIO AND LEADING CIRCULATION, PRO-GOP "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" MARCH 30 QUOTED FINANCE MINISTER VITOR CONSTANCIO AS SAYING THAT "HE HAD HOPES THAT THERE WOULD BE A GREATER MARGIN FOR MANEUVERING IN THE RENEWED NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE IMF, THROUGH A 'RELATIVELY LESS HARSH APPROACH TO THE STABILIZATION PROGRAM WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE APPLIED.'" COMMUNIST-LINING "DIARIO DE LISBOA" MARCH 29 SPECULATED THAT RECENT NYTIMES EDITORIAL ON IMF-PORTUGUESE NEGOTIATIONS COULD REFLECT A CHANGE OF VIEW BY U.S. "REGARDING THE METHODS THE IMF USES FOR THE COUNTRIES IN THE GREATEST OF DIFFICULTIES;" PAPER IN THAT CONNECTION SAID U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, IN APPROVING AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN IMF'S WITTEVEEN FUND, INSISTED THAT NO LOANS COULD BE MADE WHICH DEPRIVED PEOPLES OF UNCLASSIFIED

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BASIC HUMAN NECESSITIES OR VIOLATED HUMAN RIGHTS. COMMUNIST-INFLUENCED "DIARIO POPULAR" MARCH 29 COMPLAINED THAT IMF NEGOTIATIONS WERE TAKING PLACE UNDER "TOTAL SILENCE," AND ALSO WARNED DARKLY THAT "TWO UNIDENTIFIED FOREIGN PROFESSORS" WERE ADVISING THE GOP ON FINANCIAL MATTERS.

2. CARTER TRIP: SEVERAL MARCH 30 PAPERS GAVE FRONT-PAGE PLAY TO CARTER STATEMENTS IN CARACAS, AS DID MARCH 29 STATE TV PRIME-TIME NEWS. "DIARIO DE LISBOA" MARCH 29 REPORTED "POLITICAL EFFERVESCENCE IN BRAZIL DUE TO CARTER VISIT," ALLEGING THAT CARTER TALK WITH MAGALHES PINTO ENCOURAGED PINTO FOR "FIRST TIME TO DIRECTLY ATTACK GEISEL..."
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